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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Heikkila et al.) Group Art Unit: 1651
Serial No.: 08/928,893)
For: Process for the Simultaneous) Confirmation No. 1188
Production of Xylitol and Ethanol)
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to an August 4, 2003 Office Action, applicant submits herewith the present Amendment as follows. A petition for a two-month extension of time from November 4, 2003 to January 4, 2004 is being concurrently submitted with authorization to charge the extension fee to deposit account no. 11-0600. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.7 when the day for taking any action or paying any fee in the U.S.P.T.O. falls on a Saturday, Sunday or on a Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, the action may be taken on the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or on a Federal holiday. Accordingly, Applicants are timely submitting this amendment on Monday, January 5, 2004. Accordingly, the present Amendment is being filed within the aforementioned two-month period of time. Accordingly, no additional fee is believed to be required. If any additional fee is required, please charge our deposit account no. 11-0600.